taken by Government to resolve the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) BHEL's manufacturing plant at Hyderabad is facing financial problems due to delayed payments by its customers. Besides, some of its products like thermal sets, gas turbine-generator sets and oil rigs are presently having a lean order book. BHEL is taking following steps to side over the situation;

(i) Vigorous follow-up with its customers for the realisation of dues;

(ii) Increase supply of spares;

(iii) Take-up renovation and life extension work;

(iv) Diversification into new business areas; and

(v) Increase exports.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme in PSUs

1540. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the P.S.Us such as EPI have formulated voluntary retirement scheme years ago but had not implemented it so far; and

(b) whether Government would ensure that these arc implemented in order to make P.S.Us more economically viable and productive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) EPI has formulated voluntary retirement scheme and the same has been notified by the company w.e.f. 1.7-1992. Voluntary Retirement Schemes have to be formulated by the Public Sector Enterprises themselves. Since the retirement from. service is voluntary under the said scheme, its implementation depends upon the response from the employees. Government gives some financial support for funding VRS in deserving cases especially in sick P.S,Us.

Maruti Udyog Ltd.

1541. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Ltd. is now a private company;

(b) what is the total investmant of the Government of India in Maruti Udyog Ltd. so far, including any losses etc., suffered by Government so far;

(c) what is the total forex given by Government so far out of its own reserves; and

(d) whether Government propose to stop giving any forex, as in the case of TELCO, TISCO etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. TlHUNGON): (a) Maruti Udyog Limited is now not a Government Company in terms of the Companies Act.

(b) The present equity-holding of Government of India in Maruti Udyog Limited is Rs. 65,80,18,100. Maruti Udyog Ltd. has not suffered any loss so far in any financial year.

(c) Maruti Udyog Limited utilised Rs. 721.18 crores of free foreign exchange (net of foreign exchange earnings) for importing components till 31.3.1992.

(d) In terms of Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System, Maruti Udyog Limited will have to

purchase foreign exchange from the market, like any other Indian company.

गुजरात में खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग को केन्द्रीय अनुदान

1542. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के विभिन्न क्षेत्रीय केन्द्रों को केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा उपलब्ध कराए गए अनुदानों का वर्षवार ब्योरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान अनुदानों की धनराशि में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) गुजरात में खादी को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० जे० कुरियन) : (क) केन्द्र सरकार देश में के०वी०आई०सी० क्षेत्र के विकास एवं संवर्धन के लिए खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग (के०वी०आई०सी०) को ऋणों तथा अनुदानों के रूप में धनराशि उपलब्ध कराती है । के०वी०आई०सी० इसके बदले विभिन्न राज्य/संघ शासित क्षेत्र के०वी०आई०सी० बोर्डों तथा सीधे सहायता पाने वाले संस्थाओं को धनराशि उपलब्ध कराता है । पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान के०वी०आई०सी०द्वारा गुजरात राज्य को उपलब्ध कराये गये अनुदान निम्न प्रकार है :

वर्ष	अनुदानों की राशि (रु० लाख में)
1988–89	552.23
1989–90	585.70
1990–91	687.14

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) गुजरात सहित देश में खादी को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए किए जा रहे उपाय निम्न प्रकार है :–

(i) उत्पाद शुल्क तथा सीमा शुल्क से छूट;

(ii) खादी की बिक्री पर छूट की व्यवस्था;

(iii) खरीददारी में खादी को प्राथमिकता;

(iv) उपभोक्ताओं की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करते के लिए उन्नत डिजाइनों को आरंभ करना;

(v) के० वी०आई०सी० के माध्यम से विपणन में सहायता करना ।

Top Public Sector Executives going abroad

1543. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top public sector executives often go abroad;

(b) what is the total number of such foreign trips undertaken by them and the total cost thereof durfrig the last three years;

(c) what are the ranks/cadres *of* these executives and the industries/ enterprises they belonged to;

(d) what were the countries they visited and the purpose thereof;

(e) whether Government had sanctioned such trips and what were the groups for sanctioning; how many of such executives belonged to Publics Sector Undertakings listed by Government as sick; and

(f) whether recently one CMD of a public sector undertaking was sent abroad; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY